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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION

REF: STATE 060890

BEGIN SUMMARY: MOFA OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR UN AFFAIRS
INFORMS US MINISTRY SEES NO ALTERNATIVE TO POSTPONEMENT
STRATEGY FOR WHA MAY 7, SAYS MOFA'S ROUGH SURVEY SHOWS A
VOTE MARGIN OF 18 IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PROVIDING US COPY OF AIDE- MEMOIRE MENTIONED REFTTEL,
MOFA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR HAN DISCUSSED
WHA PROBLEM.

2. HAN WAS AT PAINS TO ASSURE US THAT POSTPONEMENT
STRATEGY OF ROKG FOR WHA DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE ANY
LINK TO POSITION ROKG MAY TAKE ON KOREAN ITEM IN NEXT
UNGA. (THIS IS PROBABLY NOT SO.) HE WENT ON TO SAY
THAT A ROUGH ESTIMATE, WHICH ROKG WILL REFINE WITHIN
THE COMING WEEK, SHOWS A VOTE MARGIN OF 18 IN FAVOR OF
POSTPONEMENT. HAN SAID THAT 14 OF THESE ARE CONSIDERED
PRETTY SOLID AND THERE ARE FOUR ADDITIONAL GOOD POSSIBILITIES.
HE SAID THAT ROKG DOES NOT SEE ANY FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO
THE POSTPONEMENT STRATEGY AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY PLAN FOR
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EMPLOYMENT OF OTHER STRATEGIES OR INTRODUCTION OF OTHER PROPOSALS. HAN SAID THAT IF POSTPONEMENT FAILS, ROKG WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO ACCEPT REALITY THAT NORTH KOREA WILL BE A MEMBER OF WHO.

3. HAN SAID ROKG HOPES THAT CONSULTATIVE SESSIONS AMONG US, ROK, UK, FRG, JAPAN, AND BELGIUM CAN BE UNDERTAKEN BEGINNING IN NEXT WEEK OR SO IN GENEVA. HAN SAID HE IS NOW AWAITING DECISION ON US POSITION FOR WHA AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION HE EXPECTED US TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN GENEVA TO ORGANIZE CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS. WE TOLD HAN WE THOUGHT ROKG RATHER THAN USG SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE FOR CONSULTATIVE SESSIONS IN GENEVA AND PENDING FURTHER REPORT ON US POSITION MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL DEFLECTED ATTEMPTS BY HAN TO DRAW US OUT ON PROSPECTIVE DETAILS OF US POSITION.
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